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L1 FACE THE NATION, MARCH 20, 1977, ADMIRAL TURNER.

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L2 11:30 AM, WTOP TV CBS NETWORK, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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T BE THE INTENTIONS AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOVIET UNION HOW DO YOU FEEL THEY ARE B
UILDING THEIR MILITARY FORCES? TO WHAT END AND WITH WHAT IN MIND? TURNER: I BELIEVE TH
E SOVIETS THINK IN 19TH CENTURY POWER TERMS, MR. HERMAN. I THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO COM
PENSATE FOR THEIR OTHER WEAKNESSES, ECONOMIC, IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL, BY BUILDING A
MILITARY FORCE THAT THEY HOPE WILL WEIGH IN THE BALANCE FOR THEM AND GIVE THEM FOR CO
PENSATION FOR THEIR OTHER SHORTCOMINGS. IN TURN, I BELIEVE WE MUST NOT LET THEM TAKE T
HAT ADVANTAGE. ANNOUNCER: FROM CBS NEWS, WASHINGTON, A SPONTANEOUS AND UNREHEARSED NEW
S INTERVIEW ON FACE THE NATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, ADMIRAL STAN
FIELD TURNER. ADMIRAL TURNER WILL BE QUESTIONED BY CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT FRED GRAHAM,
BY BOB WOODWARD, REPORTER FOR THE WASHINGTON POST; AND BY CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT GEOR
GE HERMAN. HERMAN: ADMIRAL TURNER, YOU SAY YOU BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS TRYING
TO MAKE UP FOR THESE OTHER THINGS, THE DEATH OF THEIR IDEOLOGY, THEIR ECONOMIC AND TEC
HNOLOGICAL BACKWARDNESS. WHAT DO YOU MEAN -MAKE UP FOR IT-? WHAT DO THEY INTEND TO DO
WITH THE DOMINANT MILITARY POWER THEY'RE BUILDING UP? TURNER: THEY HOPE THAT THIS POWE
R OF MILITARY FORCES CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO POLITICAL OPPORTUNITY, TO POLITICAL LEVERA
GE ON THE REST OF THE WORLD, AND THEREFORE THAT THEY CAN, WITHOUT NECESSARILY HAVING T
O GO TO WAR, GAIN AN OVERALL POLITICAL ADVANTAGE. WOODWARD: ADMIRAL, WHEN PRESIDENT CA
RTER OFFERED, AND YOU ACCEPTED, THE DIRECTORSHIP OF THE CIA, WHAT WERE HIS MARCHING OR
DERS TO YOU? WHAT DID HE SAY HE WANTED DONE? I UNDERSTAND

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LKING ABOUT A MASSIVE NEW MILITARY PROGRAM ON OUR PART? TURNER: NO, I DON'T THINK THAT
'S GOING TO BE NECESSARY. HERMAN: WHAT IS? TURNER: I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE NECESSARY
THAT WE PUT ENOUGH RESOURCES AND ENOUGH ATTENTION, ENOUGH INTEREST INTO THIS TO REALIZ
ED WHERE WE HAVE TO STRENGTHEN OURSELVES. BUT IT ISN'T ONLY IN THE MILITARY SPHERE. WE
MUST CONTINUE TO HAVE A STRONG ECONOMIC POSITION FOR THIS COUNTRY. AND, PAROCHIALLY,
I MUST SAY, WE MUST CONTINUE TO HAVE A STRONG INTELLIGENCE FUNCTION. AND I'M PERSUADED
THAT WE CAN HAVE IT BECAUSE WE HAVE THE BASIC FOUNDATION IN FINE MEN AND WOMEN IN YOU
R INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WHO ARE DEDICATED TO THAT PURPOSE. HERMAN: YOU PUT THAT IN TH
E FUTURE, -WE CAN HAVE IT.- DO WE NOW HAVE IT? TURNER: WE DO HAVE IT NOW, YES . GRAHAM
: ARE ANY OF THEM REPORTERS? TURNER: THERE ARE NO AMERICAN NEWSMEN OF ANY KIND ON THE
PAYROLL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY OF YOUR COUNTRY, AND THERE WILL NOT BE. WOODWARD
: ARE YOU GOING TO MONITOR CAREFULLY THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS AND SEE WHAT
WE DO AND.. TURNER: YES, VERY CLOSELY. AND MY JOB, AS I SEE IT, IS TO ADVISE WHETHER W
E CAN VERIFY WHAT IS AGREED. AND THAT IS ONE OF THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTIONS WE'RE GOING
TO MAKE, IS THE INGENUITY OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY IN BEING ABLE TO LET US GO AH
EAD WITH ARMS NEGOTIATIONS. HERMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ADMIRAL TURNER, FOR BEING OUR
GUEST ON FACE THE NATION.

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